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TOPIC Soviet Air Force Construction Headquarters in Werder Restricted Area

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1. In late December 1951, the Soviet Air Force construction headquarters was located at Werder airfield. The conference building was located on Eisenbahnstrasse somewhere between No 130 and 140, next to the Kech building. Chief of the headquarters was a colonel who was no construction expert and never took part in technical discussions. Personnel of the staff included: Lieutenant Colonel Karnatovsky (fnu) about 50 years of age, who was in charge of finance and technical matters; Lieutenant Colonel Sukorukov (fnu), 45 to 50 years old, who was the key person working on all projects; Lieutenant Streltsov (fnu), 35 to 40, who was in charge of construction work at Werneuchen and Puetnitz; Major Olenik (fnu) about 30-35 years of age who was deputy to Streltsov; Lieutenant Colonel Abranov (fnu), about 35 years old, who was finance and project officer; and Captain Shudakov (fnu), about 30-35 years of age, who was liaison officer to the Deutsche Notenbank in Potsdam and in charge of material procurement. Before construction work could be started the plans had to be signed by officers of the Air Force construction headquarters in Werder. Interpreter Gramenz from the Brandenburg Bauunion reported that Colonel Vinogradov (fnu), previously stationed in Neuruppin, visited West Berlin in civilian clothes. Vinogradov was not seen since. *

2. On 2 February source prepared a sketch of the Werder restricted area showing all Soviet installations there.

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3. On 3 March Werder airfield was not occupied by aircraft. Eight to 10 trucks were parked in front of the two hangars. Because of the board fence around the field and because of the distance (500 meters), [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] At 2:30 p.m. about 60 officers wearing blue and red epaulets entered a building, probably the officers mess, located north of the railroad station on Am Kernsee Strasse. About 15 Soviet women in uniforms with blue epaulets walked to Friedrichshoehe. [redacted] 25X1

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* [] Comment. All names are spelled phonetically. Lieutenant Colonel Abranov and Captain Shudakov are reported for the first time. All other officers were known from previous reports. According to another source, Lieutenant Colonel Karnatovsky returned to the Soviet Union in late December 1951. [] It is not known when Colonel Vinogradov was transferred from Neuruppin to Berder. Prior to this report only some of the assignments of the officers were known.

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** [] Comment. The information extracted from the sketch has been indicated on a map section.

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Legend.

The outlines of the restricted area are shown by a dark line on the map section, scale 1 to 25,000.

1. Dependent quarters, 20 houses, each housing six families and fully occupied.
2. About 20 houses for one or two families, 19 were not habitable, only one was occupied.
3. Eisenbahnstrasse. One Soviet restaurant, one photoshop, two storehouses and quarters for Soviet officers with families were located south of the railroad station. The buildings north of the railroad station to the airfield entrance were also occupied by Soviet families.
4. Local Soviet komandatura.
5. 2 headquarters buildings for the airfield.
6. Airfield garage, about 200 meters long, located northwest of the entrance to the airfield.
7. Heating plant and power station.
8. Hangar

A spur track passes between item 7 and item 8.